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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled).

23. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a fabric article generally in the shape of a symbol associated with a holiday, said article including at least one substantially planar panel comprising fabric material;

a plurality of first magnetically attractable devices coupled to the panel, said first magnetically attractable devices being laterally spaced apart from one another;

a plurality of outwardly exposed indicia coupled to the panel, each of the indicia being associated with a number of days remaining until the holiday, and the indicia further being generally aligned with the first magnetically attractable devices; and

a plurality of decorative ornaments having appearances associated with the holiday, each ornament including a second magnetically attractable device to secure the ornament to the fabric article proximal to one of the first magnetically attractable devices.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the indicia are generally aligned with the first magnetically attractable devices such that the plurality of first magnetically attractable devices are disposed rearward of the indicia.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the fabric article includes a front panel and a rear panel and the plurality of first magnetically attractable devices are disposed adjacent to at least one of the front and rear panels.

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26. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the front and rear panels comprise at least one of cloth, felt, or woven material.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the article includes a front panel and a rear panel and the plurality of first magnetically attractable devices are disposed between the front and rear panels.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the fabric article includes a storage compartment.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the storage compartment is sized to retain the plurality of decorative ornaments.

30. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising a hanger member to attach the fabric article to a surface.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the hanger member comprises a loop member to hang the fabric article from a surface.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein at least one of the second magnetically attractable device and the plurality first magnetically attractable devices is a rare earth magnet.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein all of the second magnetically attractable device and the plurality first magnetically attractable devices are rare earth magnets

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the fabric article has a shape associated with Christmas.

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the shape is that of a Christmas tree.

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36. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising at least one decorative ornament having a non-magnetic coupling to attach the ornament to the fabric article.

37. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the indicia are numerals and wherein the plurality of decorative ornaments have corresponding numerals.

38. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein at least one of the decorative ornaments or the fabric article includes a circuit element including at least one audio device, light emitting device, or vibratory device.

39. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein said circuit element further comprises a control circuit to selectively activate the audio device, light emitting device, or vibratory device.

40. (New) An Christmas decoration device, comprising:

- a fabric article generally in the shape of a Christmas tree associated with a Christmas holiday, said fabric article including at least a front panel and a rear panel disposed substantially adjacent to one another, said front and rear panels comprising a felt material;

- a plurality of first magnetic devices disposed adjacent to the front panel, said first magnetic devices being laterally spaced apart from one another;

- a plurality of countdown labels coupled to the front panel of the fabric article, each countdown label being outwardly exposed from the front panel and being associated with a number of days remaining until the Christmas holiday, and the countdown labels further being generally aligned with the first magnetic devices disposed adjacent to the front panel such that the plurality of first magnetic devices are disposed rearward of the countdown labels;

- a plurality of decorative ornaments having appearances associated with the Christmas holiday;

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a plurality of second magnetic devices corresponding to the plurality of decorative ornaments and being magnetically attractable to the plurality of the first magnetic devices disposed adjacent to the front panel, wherein when one of the second magnetic devices is coupled to a corresponding one of the decorative ornaments, the corresponding one of the decorative ornaments is securable to the front panel proximal to one of the first magnetic devices;

a storage compartment at least partially defined by the fabric article, said compartment being sized to store the plurality of decorative ornaments; and

a hanger member coupled to the fabric article so as to hang the fabric article from a surface.

41. (New) The device of claim 40, wherein the plurality of first magnetic devices are disposed between the front and rear panels.

42. (New) The device of claim 40, wherein at least one of the plurality of first magnetic devices and the plurality of second magnetic devices is a rare earth magnet.

43. (New) The device of claim 40, further comprising at least one decorative ornament having a non-magnetic coupling to attach the ornament to the fabric article.

44. (New) The device of claim 40, wherein at least one of the decorative ornaments or the fabric article includes a circuit element including at least one audio device, light emitting device, or vibratory device.